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Soybean concert charges cause lower attendance

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With the 2016 Soybean Festival completed, many people are still wondering why the nightly concerts were not free this year as they were in previous years.

This year, each concert cost \$20 per person. Mayor Randy Brundige says that they looked at the situation from many different angles before making the decision, but the choice ultimately came down to safety.

"We started getting such huge crowds that we thought we had to control it a little bit more for the safety of individuals.... we had to rethink things," said Brundige. We had to put it in a venue that was accessible for emergency personnel. We had to look at it from several different angles and we just wanted a little bit more crowd control and safety control."

According to Brundige, there was an incident last year in which a concert attendee collapsed in the crowd and a medical team was unable to

reach her because of the size and lack of organization of the crowd. They created the temporary walls and added different types of seating to better manage the concert crowd, while ensuring everyone still had a good view of the stage.

While Brundige believes that those who attended the concerts enjoyed them, he understands that many people didn't go because of the new fee.

"We knew the first year [of having a concert fee], we would take a hit on attendance, and that was anticipated," said Brundige. "But it wasn't to make money, because the concerts don't make money."

The goal was to be able to manage the crowds, but still make the Soybean Festival affordable and accessible for everyone. One of the ways in which they tried to accomplish this was through the many events that continued to be free and open to the public.

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Top left: Attendees enjoy one of the thrill rides at the festival. | **Pacer Photo/Blake Barnes**

Left: A guitarist performs on stage. | **Pacer Photo/Sarah Knapp**
Above: Farm equipment on display. | **Pacer Photo/Blake Barnes**

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EDITORIAL

Fifteen years of hope and remembrance

Fifteen years ago this past Sunday, the United States was hit with a series of terrorist attacks by al-Qaeda in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Nineteen terrorists took over four planes, two crashing into the World Trade Center's two towers in New York City, one crashing into the western side of the Pentagon in Arlington County and one which was making its way to Washington, DC, but ultimately crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. In all, 2,996 people were killed and more than 6,000 were injured, according to Statistic Brain. While these crashes only happened in New England, the consequences rippled throughout the whole nation. Most of us remember what happened on that day, whether it was during a day job, high school or even elementary school, but a



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new generation of teens are entering their freshman year of high school. What's so special about them?

They are the first generation who will study the 9/11 attacks as a historical event, not an event that happened in their lifetime.

They have no idea about how it affected the nation or how family and friends reacted to the attacks. Some might not even understand

why this happened. All they will know is what they are taught in school or what documentaries they might see about it.

However, no matter when or how they are told, they will see the passion in the eyes of people who have lived during it. These people will tell them about how these attacks brought the U.S. together and how it was a time when we realized the

only united love could help us through. They will learn that thousands were killed and injured because of terrorism but will also learn that it helped the country realize that every person is important regardless of race, gender, etc. This generation will live through the recounts and memories of that day.

Even most college students now can only remember so much since it happened during their early years, but this generation will experience it differently.

We at The Pacer will never forget September 11, 2001. We will remember the lives that were lost, the ones that were affected and what that day did to bring all in our nation together. We hope that everyone, even those who never lived during it, will remember the importance of this day for years to come, generation to generation.

COLUMNS

Concealed carry may help protect campus

Sarah Knapp

Staff Writer

On July 1, 2016, a new law allowing full time faculty and staff, who are not enrolled as a student in any courses on campus, to carry a concealed handgun on campus took effect.

It is a safety precaution, but it truly does benefit every student on campus. It seems that every time the television is turned on, the media depicts horror stories of the lives of innocent bystanders taken away because of a mass shooting. So why not have more protection on campus?

Any faculty or staff who wishes to carry on campus must have a Handgun Carry permit and handgun on their person at all times, and must be able to show it when asked by the Department of Safety. To obtain a permit, they must pass a background check which includes having committed no criminal activity, being of strong mental health and being a citizen of the United States. Also, each permit applicant must have completed the Handgun Safety Course, which teaches them the safety precautions and proper handling of firearms.

Every carrier must register their weapon with the Police Department on campus or risk facing legal consequences

for carrying on state university grounds without permission. Every faculty member carrying a firearm will be anonymous. Unless their firearm is being used, they should keep it concealed at all times.

The legislation specified that if there is an accidental misfire, the consequences would affect only the owner of the handgun. There are specific locations on campus grounds where firearms are not welcomed, including the Student Health Clinic, childcare facilities, university sponsored events, disciplinary or tenure meetings and other areas where no weapon signs are posted.

I strongly believe that this is one of the greatest renovations to UTM this year. Arming the faculty and staff will bring a greater sense of security to everyone on campus. Even though statistically gun violence is lower than it has been in years, it never hurts to be prepared just in case something were to happen. Think of Columbine, Sandy Hook, Marysville, Delta University, Tuskegee University and so many more. Think of how many lives could have been saved if more people had been armed and ready to take action.

We can hope and pray that it will never happen to us, but if it does, we need to be prepared.

Trump donation scam worries contributors

Jillianne Moncrief

Staff Writer

It's presidential election time, and even the rich need money.

It's well known that support pages for presidential candidates exist and are used regularly. In most cases, just like anything bought online, there is usually a cancellation option. However, on Donald Trump's support page, you cannot remove your credit card information, you can only update it with another valid card number.

On usuncut.com, Nathan Wellman has revealed the only way to manage the account.

"Donors have to register for an account on the website, log in, access the donations page, click a tiny gray question mark hiding in the upper-right hand corner, click 'Manage' at the bottom corner of the next page, and only then can you find a link labelled 'Recurring plans' where you can request a cancellation," writes Wellman.

"Even if donors are able to navigate this labyrinthine route of vague links, there is still no way to delete credit card information out of the Trump campaign's system. Users can only update their credit card with another valid card number."

On the other hand, Hillary's campaign page has a link clearly stating "Remove Card". This could be a technique used to close the fundraising gap between Hillary and Trump.

However, that does not make it okay.

The idea of not allowing the voters, who actually support you, to stop giving money is crazy. If you have these donors and you want to keep these donors, you should give the donors what they want. This is a perfect example of selfishness, and it helps seal the idea that Trump's entire campaign is a scam in the minds of certain groups of people. Questions have been asked regarding whether this scam is illegal; however, it cannot become a legal issue until a donor has donated the maximum amount of \$2,700. Since there are only two more months until the actual election, this most likely will not become a legal issue.

It is possible that Trump could lose some of his supporters from this scam, because who really wants a scam for president? I know I don't. If he's so worried about only receiving money from the people, how can we expect him to create jobs and let us earn our money back. He already stated he was going to make Mexico pay for the wall he wants to build. Is his plan to scam America out of a wall as well?

If Trump cannot handle losing a few dollars from a few changed minds of supporters, how is he going to handle life as president? I am sure daddy would love to help by lending a small loan of a million dollars to the Trump Foundation.

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COLUMN

University of Chicago says goodbye to trigger warnings

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Staff Writer

The University of Chicago has recently released a letter to incoming freshmen blatantly telling the new students how the university will no longer censor any information that may be traumatic to students.

"Our commitment to academic freedom means that we do not support so-called 'trigger warnings,'" wrote John Ellison, the university's dean of students.

Ellison also informs freshmen that the college will not create safe spaces for students to retreat from topics that might make them uncomfortable. University of Chicago is pushing their students to face events that might send them into a state of shock if said student has had a traumatic experience or suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, better identified as PTSD.

The fact that the university has decided that they will no longer take student feelings into consideration raises the question of how long before other things become socially acceptable on campus? There is

surely a heavily defined line on right and wrong, but if the Dean has declared they will not offer trigger-warnings or safe spaces, where on campus will students feel safe? If they are forced to deal with issues that could possibly send them into any sort of attack, where on campus can students collect themselves and feel safe from the trauma they have endured?

College is supposed to be a new experience; for many it is a fresh start and an escape from the lives they once led. Unfortunately for the students at the University of Chicago, college can no longer be a means for either if they are forced to look into their pasts and receive a grade on it.

In an interview, Chicago graduate Cameron Okeke said that she used safe spaces throughout her four years at the school, not to hide from topics she could not face, but to heal from the hate and ignorance that was brought upon her every day. Okeke also stated that if someone wants the opinion of a student who suffers from PTSD, then trigger warnings should definitely be offered.

"Classrooms should not be a



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form of exposure therapy," said Okeke.

She has a point. The classroom should be a place of learning and an enjoyment of said learning. It should not be a place where a student goes to be reminded of the trauma or discrimination they have dealt with their entire lives. A classroom should be a safe haven, where the only things they have to worry about are tests and homework. The student should not have to walk into a classroom with fear that the professor will be covering a

subject that is too harmful for them to focus.

The University of Chicago needs to reevaluate their approach. Not only are they causing harm to their own students, but they are also causing their campus more harm. If students are forced to face the topics that negatively affect them, then how will students who do not have PTSD or undergone severe trauma feel about the students who have? Other students can be cruel, and if a student with PTSD shows

symptoms during a lecture, said student will more than likely be mocked and ostracized.

In a last attempt to open the eyes of John Ellison, please let the professors give out trigger warnings for students who actually need them. Allow safe spaces to remain open for the students who need to hide away to recover. Finally, think of the students who have just begun their recovery process, but have not yet crossed the thoughts of self-harm and suicide from their mind.

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News

Citywide projects make Martin bike friendly

Tamara Beard
Editorial Assistant

In the coming months, students can expect to see the city of Martin become more accessible to cyclists and pedestrians in many different ways.

Quite recently, the city began to add more bike racks around the area. City Hall installed a small one in front of the building and the Volunteer Community Hospital also installed one outside of the emergency room entrance.

"As the leading healthcare organization in our community,

we want to send a strong message on the importance of healthy lifestyles," said Darrell Blaylock, CEO of Tennova Healthcare-Volunteer Martin. "We strive to be a leader in health education and want to do more than give it lip-service. The installation of the bike rack on our campus will encourage our employees and community to increase their physical activity."

Martin already had some bike racks around town, including by the C.E. Weldon Public Library. Mayor Randy Brundige says that more bike racks will be added in the near future and some areas under consideration

are Weldon Park and the downtown area.

In addition to the bike racks, the city of Martin is also planning the construction of a bike lane that will begin by the Hampton Inn on Skyhawk Parkway and end at the stoplight in front of Wal-Mart. This construction will also include the extension of the pre-existing bike lanes by McDonald's. These bike lines will be accompanied by a new sidewalk for pedestrians.

"...The chancellor has also agreed to make a walkway through that fence [by the baseball and softball fields]," said Brundige. "Bob Smith has been

real good about helping us get that done, and we're wanting to connect our commercial entities over there with the university and make it more accessible."

Another project that will make Martin more bike-friendly is the expansion of the Brian Brown Greenway. The second phase of the Greenway will be underway in the coming months and will extend all the way into the downtown area.

Once all of these projects are completed, cyclists and pedestrians will be able to safely and comfortably travel from Skyhawk Park to Downtown Martin and have access to

several stops along the way.

The last aspect of this project is updating the crosswalk lights to include audible indications of signal changes. Those that will be changed are in front of the Hampton Inn, McDonald's, and Wal-Mart.

While Brundige does not have an exact timeline for when these projects will be completed, he says that the bids for the project should go out in the next two months, pending the finalization of the purchase of the remaining Greenway property from the railroad.



Veterans Center, U.C. 232 | **Pacer Photo/Kristina Shaw**

Grant will help veterans

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UTM was one of six universities selected by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to receive a special grant to better assist student veterans to transition into campus life.

The Veteran Reconnect grant awarded \$169,000 to UTM over a 22-month period to hire a veterans services specialist and create a tailored orientation program and center for those who have served in the armed forces.

"We are very excited to receive the Tennessee Veterans Reconnect Grant," said James Mantooth, executive director of Enrollment Services and Student Engagement. "This grant will allow us to do a number of things, and, perhaps most importantly, we are going to be able to hire a veterans services specialist."

The veterans services specialist will act as an intermediary between students and campus units to coordinate all aspects of registration and finances. He or she will also engage with the community to raise awareness of all that the university has to offer veterans should they choose to return to school.

"I think that that's something needed here at UTM and at all schools, honestly, because I remember myself coming home from Iraq, starting school, and it was a difficult process," said James Copeland, ex-Marine of seven years and a university information technology

specialist. Copeland is also a graduate student working toward his MBA to one day become an IT manager.

The application process began in July through a stream of emails among Mantooth, Dr. Bonnie Daniel, senior research associate in the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts, and Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls, professor of History and adviser to the Skyhawk Veterans Association.

The organization was created four years ago by Carls to provide a support system for student veterans. They also get out in the community and perform services, such as cleaning the war memorial at the Weakley County Courthouse in Dresden. With the grant, the organization hopes to take on a mentoring role for incoming students.

"We've been advocating for something like this to happen," Carls said. "It's really absolutely fortuitous and marvelous to me that this opportunity came and that the university was willing to apply."

Room 232 in the Boling University Center has been designated as the location for the center, and donated furniture is currently being set up. The Veterans Success Committee is also drafting a description of the specialist position.

The other schools to receive the grant were Chattanooga State Community College, Lipscomb University, Maryville College, Middle Tennessee State University and Tusculum College.

Gun law draws mixed reactions

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College campuses across the state have been granted the option of becoming gun friendly.

Earlier this year, a law was passed allowing teachers to carry concealed handguns on college campuses across the state of Tennessee with certain restrictions.

In Tennessee, SB 2376 will allow full-time faculty and staff of Tennessee's public colleges and universities to carry guns on campus.

Tennessee's handgun-carry permit law allows open and concealed carry, the bill requires campus employees with permits to carry their guns concealed, even though Tennessee's handgun-carry permit law allows open and concealed carry. The bill prohibits the employees from carrying their guns in arenas and stadiums when during public events such as football and basketball games. In addition, they cannot carry guns in meetings in which their job performance or tenure is discussed.

"The legislation was also amended to place liability on the permit holder rather than the university in the event of an accidental discharge," according to The Tennessean.

The law authorizes, but does not require, training sessions for employees who decide to carry guns on campus. Police at UT Knoxville already have scheduled a series of optional training sessions, but similar offerings would be all but

impossible at most community and technical college campuses.

Beth Joslin Roth, policy director of Safe Tennessee Project said, "According to campus police chiefs, not only will this new law make campuses less safe, it will also require them to scrap their FBI training protocol when it comes to responding to an active shooter situation. Additionally, numerous faculty members have indicated they will resign over this. But, in our state, the gun lobby is more influential than law enforcement and the wishes of the NRA trump the concerns of our public colleges and universities."

Tennessee State Representative Andy Holt, who sponsored the law in the House, has indicated he is ready to push further against the remaining restrictions on guns on campus. He told The Tennessean earlier this year that he believes the "important next step" is to allow students to go armed on campus as well.

"It's not my intention to do so immediately," said Holt. "But if someone else did, I'd support it. These are adults. We need to stop talking about college students as children. They have the same constitutional rights as others. I think that's an important next step."

Several UTM students, faculty and staff have voiced their opinions about the new law, pointing out its pros and cons. Several students and faculty stated that the psychological level of the person should be factored in, whether it be a teacher or student packing.

Senior Allie Craft is completely in favor of the bill, saying that she supports students and teachers with firearms on campus provided they are licensed by the state.

"I think it's a great idea," said Craft. "Violence has increased so I encourage it. I would feel more safe."

Senior Brittney Simmons takes the opposite view, disagreeing with the new law.

"I'm not really for it," said Simmons. "I'm not for guns at all because of the crime going on today in general. Anything can happen. I am totally against having them on campus."

Faculty members have weighed in on the matter as well. UTM professor Dr. Daniel Pigg said that the movement is unnecessary and potentially problematic.

"It's not clear to me why the additional gun power is needed on campus," said Dr. Pigg. "It puts a faculty member in a potentially compromising situation should he or she use a weapon in the classroom and the police show up and they can't tell who the bad guy is. ...I think [this law] compromises and puts greater strains on our police department for there to be additional weapons on campus."

"I think the question would be what happens when it extends to students, and how will students feel about that? How will students feel, since we're the safest campus in the state of Tennessee, that we have that classification before any guns were here except those legally held by the police?"

Soybean from Cover

Some of the free events included a concert in the park and what Brundige called "micro-shows", such as the lumberjack show, the pet show and the cow town show.

While the main concerts were not free, Brundige insists that there were plenty of other

free events, both musical and otherwise.

While the personnel in City Hall know that the concert attendance saw a decrease from years past, they will not be sure of the exact numbers for a few weeks. Looking into the future, Brundige said that the city does

intend to continue charging for concerts in the future.

"I know we will reevaluate what went on this year in the next month or two," said Brundige. "From all indications, yes, that venue will be there again."

News

Clement Hall asbestos not problem, officials say

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With the fall semester now fully underway, many students have taken notice of the red tape and warning signs that can be seen in and around Clement Hall.

While the warnings are particularly frightening, with phrases such as "May Cause Cancer," those in charge of overseeing the project say that there is nothing to worry about.

The short answer is that Clement, and every other building on campus that may contain asbestos, is safe. The long answer, while still reassuring, is a bit more complicated.

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous mineral that was often used in construction for its advantageous physical properties. While the use of asbestos in

buildings has been occurring for over 100 years, and asbestos mining for a significantly greater time period, the health risks associated with it did not become apparent until around the 1930s.

It is important to note, however, that asbestos itself does not create these health concerns. Rather, inhaling dust particles that contain asbestos can be hazardous and cause serious medical conditions. This is why students are now seeing these warning signs in Clement—as the building is being renovated, asbestos-filled dust particles are being released into the construction area.

These warning signs, however, are simply a precautionary step. According to Susie Lewis, Director of Skyhawk Printing Services, the asbestos was never, and continues not to be, a concern within the building. Lewis is in and out of Clement

multiple times a day, and has been doing so since long before renovations in Clement began about a year ago, and the asbestos removal that started in May 2016. Since the very beginning of the renovation phase, which includes asbestos removal, several parties have been involved to ensure the safety of everyone on campus, in the building, and working on construction.

"The asbestos abatement is done under strict environmental guidelines and regulations," said Tim Nipp, Director of Physical Plant Operations. "The design documents were prepared by an environmental design specialist to include all asbestos items in these sections of the building, i.e. insulation on some piping, some floor tile and ceiling material. The abatement contractor strictly followed the contract documents for the abatement procedures.

A third party provided air monitoring to ensure all building occupants were not affected by this abatement."

Nipp is certain that individuals who work in the building and those who utilize the services in the building are completely safe. While the restricted areas may have asbestos in the air, these areas have been completely and properly sealed off, and the authorized renovation personnel who enter these areas follow the proper safety precautions while working.

The asbestos removal also does not affect the efficiency of the services held in the building, according to Lewis.

"We had to redirect traffic" said Lewis. "We have signage up and make sure everyone knows what entrance to use."

The asbestos removal phase is nearly complete. The second



Asbestos advisory posted in Clement Hall. | **Pacer Photo / Tamara Beard**

phase of renovations will begin in the coming months and last approximately 15 to 18 months.

New women's geoscientist club rocks campus

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Fall 2016 brings big changes to the geoscience programs across Tennessee with the founding of the Association for Women Geoscientists' (AWG) UTM Student Chapter.

UTM students have the opportunity to become leaders in the advancements of women geoscientists by joining the only AWG student chapter in the state. Faculty advisor and geology lab instructor Claire Davis hopes to see the UTM chapter advance the goals of the national organization within campus.

"The national organization aims to encourage women to participate in the geosciences, and the goals for this chapter are to provide a place for [the] organization to get together and be involved in the community," said Davis.

Since the organization's focus is on those who have an interest in studying the earth, its members want to give back to the planet as best as they can



Taylor Binkley, left, AWG president, poses with faculty adviser Claire Davis. | **Pacer Photo / Tamara Beard**

through community outreach and philanthropy efforts. Taylor Binkley, the chapter president and a senior meteorology major, already has big ideas to accomplish these objectives.

"We are hoping to do some activities with the local Girl Scout troops in order to encourage girls to get involved in the geosciences early on, and cultivate that," said Binkley.

An event that is being planned

in cooperation with several other on-campus organizations is Earth Week. This event, which will be held at Discovery Park from October 8th to the 15th, will include exhibits highlighting meteorology, geology, plant soil sciences, and much more.

AWG can benefit students from different backgrounds and disciplines, and is inclusive of all genders. The benefits are resume workshops, speaker presentations, and professional development. However, as an organization for women, it acts as a community to support them, eventually leading them to a successful future within geoscience.

"Just about anybody can tie their degree to geosciences," said Binkley. "Communications, business [and] almost any major can be related to the environment."

As an organization that is just beginning, they are very excited to recruit more members and see what the future holds for AWG on the UTM campus. Any students who may be interested in joining are encouraged to attend the biweekly meetings on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in EPS 207, regardless of their major.

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Staff Writer

Privacy has been an issue since the invention of gossip.

For celebrities, privacy is a rare and often an expensive luxury. Modern celebrities have argued on more occasions than can be easily counted that paparazzi have no right to the job they do at their expense.

However, while some will argue that everyone has a right to privacy, the constitution doesn't indicate a specific right for privacy. Thanks to paparazzi, celebrity privacy is

all but nonexistent.

Named after the news photographer character, Paparazzo, in the Italian film, "La Dolce Vita (The Sweet Life)," paparazzi are photographers, professionals and amateurs alike that take pictures of anyone with celebrity status. They are normally independents that do not work for any one publication. Instead, they sell the pictures they take to whoever will buy them. These pseudo-photojournalists do not have to have formal training or background in journalism. All they need is

a camera and the will to take the pictures. Some are beloved by celebrities, while others are despised.

Normally, paparazzi do three things: follow a targeted celebrity throughout their day, document their normal schedule and routine, and photograph anything newsworthy. Much of this is done without the subject's knowledge, and when discovered, some paparazzi have been confronted, and even attacked, by the celebrity they are following.

While some journalists may view this as a problem,

paparazzi see this as a bonus; more controversy for their story.

Although some celebrities may see the job paparazzi perform as a form of legal harassment, what paparazzi normally do is not illegal; celebrity news is protected under the First Amendment to freedom of the press.

While many paparazzi draw the line at breaking the law, some will do anything for the perfect picture of a celebrity, especially if they are in a compromising position. These paparazzi may break into a celebrity's cars, houses

or even computers to find a story. Some states have characterized this as a form of stalking, and some events are camera free zones, and require paparazzi to check their cameras at the door.

The price of fame for some celebrities is their privacy. Whether they want their fame or not, they are stuck with it, and as long they have fame, there will be someone there willing to turn it into news.

Paparazzi have been following gossip since before the written word, and they will continue until there are no more celebrities to follow.

Skyhawk Marching Band clubbin' through the season

Rachel Moore

Staff Writer

The Skyhawk Marching Band (SMB) premieres their Clubbin' season this Saturday at Martin's first home game.

The halftime performance includes Maynard Ferguson's "Birdland," Bruno Mars' hit "Uptown Funk" and the Daft Punk piece "Up All Night to Get Lucky/One More Time."

The band hopes to incorporate new pieces throughout the season so they encourage students to attend each game and see what has changed within their show.

There will be several features in the Daft Punk piece, including baritone, a mellophone and a trumpet line: Freshmen Logan Priestley and Jacob Luker on baritone; junior, Destiny Meyer on mellophone and Phillip Winters, Trevor Belton, Michael Larkin, Matt Scott and Tyler Davis on trumpet will all be given a moment to wow the crowd with their enthusiasm and execution.

The band as a whole will showcase their moves during the dance break of "Uptown Funk," which has members of the band both old and new excited.

Dr. Bill Waterman, the director of athletic bands,

has been with UTM for three years and has incorporated three dance breaks for the SMB, so it's safe to say this one will be high energy and fun for all watching.

Charles Taylor, a junior geoscience major and instrument and equipment manager, says he is most excited about the dancing in "Uptown Funk."

His favorite part of SMB as a whole is "the 'hype' atmosphere that surrounds [them] in the stands... from the roar of the tubas, to the yelling from the cheerleaders. [It] all brings a special flair to the student section."

Taylor hopes that the student section will cheer and sing with the band so the football team feels the enthusiasm and unlocks their deeper potential.

The Skyhawk Marching Band gave a performance in the recent Soybean parade and they are hosting the West Tennessee Marching Championship at Hardy Graham Stadium on Oct. 22, for competing high school marching bands.

After Saturday's game, they will also be performing for exhibition at the Union City Invitational.

SMB would like to remind alumni of UTM that the Alumni Band will be returning to the field on Nov. 12. All former members of SMB are welcome to



The Skyhawk Marching Band practices for first home game performance, Sept. 17. | Pacer Photo/ Rachel Moore

return and perform with the current members.

Dr. Waterman would like

to remind musicians that scholarships are available for both marching and concert

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Sports

UTM returns home for matchup with Bacone College

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After spending the first two weeks of the season on the road, the UTM football team will return to Martin this Saturday for their home opening contest against Bacone College.

The Skyhawks (0-2) are searching for their first win of the season after dropping their season opener to Cincinnati 28-7 and their game last week against Hawai'i 41-36.

UTM had second-half leads in both games and led Hawai'i by 10+ points twice before the Rainbow Warriors rallied back. Statistically, UTM matched well with Hawai'i, edging the Rainbow Warriors in offense (418-378), first downs (22-15) and time of possession. UTM had an opportunity to win, but a strong second half rally by Hawai'i gave the Rainbow Warriors the 5-point win.

"We had our chances," said UTM head coach Jason Simpson. "Right now we're sitting here 0-2, and you can say that we lost to two FBS opponents, but we're not looking at it like that. We had a chance

Bacone College vs UTM



GRAHAM STADIUM

QUICK FACTS

- First meeting between two schools
- UTM is 9-1 in home openers under Coach Simpson
- UTM is 8-0 against non-Division-I opponents in Simpson's tenure
- UTM also averages 56.1 points per game and has pitched four shutouts in the last decade

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to get one of those [games] and came up short."

Nonetheless, the Skyhawks will look to put their early misfortunes behind them as they focus on their next game Saturday and their upcoming Ohio Valley Conference schedule next week.

On Saturday, UTM will host Bacone College of the

NAIA's Central State Football League. The Warriors (0-2) are led by their first-year head coach Lawrence Livingston, the former quarterbacks coach at Savannah State.

Bacone College is led by quarterback Trey Seward, who has racked up 278 passing yards and one passing touchdown. The Warriors are also led by

running back Johnny Thomas (32 carries, 101 rushing yards) and wide receiver Antonio Wilson (five catches for 101 yards, one touchdown). Erik Brown is the leading defensive player with 20 tackles in their first two games.

Like the Skyhawks, the Warriors come into the matchup searching for their first win.

Bacone College dropped their season opener 62-14 to Division II Missouri S&T, and loss last week to Robert Morris 48-6.

For the Skyhawks, quarterback Troy Cook will get the start again this week while Gunnar Holcombe recovers from an injury suffered in the Cincinnati game. Cook completed 12 of his 26 passes against Hawai'i for 204 yards and three touchdowns. Jaimiee Bowe continues to lead the Skyhawk rushing attack, carrying the ball 36 times for 215 yards and one touchdown.

The game on Saturday will also give the Skyhawks the opportunity to showcase their six million dollar stadium renovation project to Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The renovations include a new four-story building that will house the press box, club level, visiting locker room and academic support areas.

UTM and Bacone College will square off on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at Graham Stadium. A special ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in front of the new press box at 11:30 with refreshments served afterward.

Around the NEST

Volleyball

Fight Like Hal Memorial Invitational
Bartow Arena, Birmingham, Alabama

10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16 - UAB
4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 - Louisiana-Lafayette
11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 - Memphis

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 - at Murray State
Racer Arena, Murray, Kentucky

2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 - at Austin Peay
Winfield Dunn Center, Clarksville, Tennessee

Softball

2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 - Three Rivers
Community College
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 - Freed-Hardeman
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 - Freed-Hardeman
Noon Saturday, Sept. 17 - Rend Lake College
Bettye Giles Field, Martin, Tennessee

Saturday, Sept. 24 - at Columbia State
Community College
Columbia State Softball Field
Columbia, Tennessee

4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 - at Bethel
Lady Wildcat Park, McKenzie, Tennessee

Rodeo

Viking Stampede Rodeo

Saline County Fairgrounds, Marshall, Missouri
Thursday, Sept. 22 - Saturday, Sept. 24

Rifle

9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 - at Murray State

Football



Bacone College Warriors

2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016
Hardy Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee
TV: OVC Digital Network
Radio: WCMT 101.3/WUTM 90.3



UTM Skyhawks



Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles

2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016
Hardy Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee
TV: ESPN3/WatchESPN app
Radio: WCMT 101.3/WUTM 90.3



UTM Skyhawks

Golf

EKU Invitational

University Club at Arlington
Richmond, Kentucky
Friday, Sept. 16 - Sunday, Sept. 18

SIUE Derek Dolenc Invitational

Gateway National Golf Links
Madison, Illinois
Sunday, Sept. 25 - Tuesday, Sept. 27

Men's/Women's Cross-Country

Commodore Classic

Percy Warner Park
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17

Equestrian

Noon Friday, Sept. 23 - Texas A&M
1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 - Auburn
Ned McWherter Agricultural Pavilion
Martin, Tennessee

Women's Tennis

Austin Peay Tournament

Governors Tennis Center
Clarksville, Tennessee
Friday, Sept. 16 - Sunday, Sept. 18

MTSU Invitational

Adams Tennis Complex
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Friday, Sept. 23 - Sunday, Sept. 25

Women's Soccer

7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 - Memphis
Skyhawk Field, Martin, Tennessee

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 - at SIUE
Ralph Korte Stadium, Edwardsville, Illinois
1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 - at Eastern Illinois
Lakeside Soccer Stadium, Charleston, Illinois

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- Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn.



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